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PRAYERS.







A MANUAL  
OF  
Private and Domestic Prayer:

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## Preface.

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LITTLE is known of the Author of the following prayers : all I have been able to discover is, that he lived in the reign of George the Second, was Chanter and Residentiary of the Cathedral church of Lincoln, and Chaplain in Ordinary to His Majesty. Few, if any, copies of the original work are remaining, which contains many other prayers, from whence the following are a selection. There breathes such a sincere piety and religious fervour in the sentiments that the editor thought it would be doing the religious world a service to rescue them from obscurity, and he has therefore ventured to usher them forth,



they need no excuse ; and if they  
yet so pardonable to attempt  
devotion of well-disposed persons  
will at least forgive it. The style  
quaint, and partakes of the cha  
period when the author lived. I  
not ventured to modernize any o  
sions, as his object has been si  
the work in the same state in wh  
published it, that he might not th  
or impair the spirit of piety whi  
spicuous in the sentiments. A  
for special occasions are added.

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# Meditations and Prayers

FOR

EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

PART I.



## A Meditation on the Lord's Day.

*It is not the Christian's business to dispute whether Nature or Revelation first taught the world to celebrate His praise who gave a being to it, by keeping one day holy—whether the Patriarchs had stated times of worship, or whether the command given to the Jews, to keep one day holy, were the re-enforcing of an old, or the giving of a new law—whether that law doth oblige us to consecrate one day in seven, or render one-seventh of our time the certain right of heaven. It is enough that*

*crate this day, that in St. John  
well known by the name of the  
and its observation as a part of  
Christianity spread through  
world, and received together with  
and that by a prescription almost  
as Christianity, this day challenges  
tributes of adoration and homage  
Creator: this may, therefore,  
the day which the LORD hath made  
more especial manner His day,  
but justice to give to God the  
His, and devote this day to his  
fit subject for our care, that a*

*Church has our presence, and GOD our hearts; when union gives courage to our addresses, and every Christian lends the heats of a holy zeal to inspirit the public prayers, and carry them up to heaven; and united devotions with a holy violence force their entrance thither. Among such as thus keep holiday, let me go to the House of God; let me not trifle, nor sport, nor sleep this holy time away. Let not Mammon impose necessities upon me, nor any secular interest invade the right of heaven; but let a public, serious, yet unaffected piety, and all the useful offices of friendship and charity and religion, attend and crown it; and let me never be ashamed thus to confess my LORD before men.*





O Almighty God, who hast  
everything which hath brea  
Thee, and made this day hol  
that we may adore and r  
glorious name, by whose pov  
were made, and for whose p  
were created ; let Thy name  
throughout the world ; let Th  
the mightiness of Thy kingdo  
unto men, and teach them to  
of Thee in all places of Thy  
but in a more especial m  
them whom thou hast redeem  
Thee for that money which

back from the dead the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, raise us all from the death of sin, and teach all that cry, "Lord, Lord," to do "the will of their Father which is in heaven." In mercy look upon me Thy servant here before Thee, to offer unto Thee my thanks and praise for all Thy mercies from day to day vouchsafed unto me, for the mercies of the night past, and bringing me again into Thy presence. In Thy mercy pardon my follies, and forgive my sins, and teach me to rest this day according to Thy commandment. Touch my heart with fire from Thy altar, kindle in it the most sincere and ardent desires of Thy love and glory; create in me a good and an honest heart, and let Thy word bring forth *an hundred fold*, let it fall upon *good ground*, and do Thou make it powerful to the salvation of my soul. [I humbly pray for all my fellow-creatures,

wisely improve every day  
on things above, that my he  
wander when I come into Thy  
that a desire of the world ma  
draw my thoughts from Thy  
the devil steal away the wor  
heart. Let Thy law this day b  
Thy power my defence, and  
lead me in all my ways, that  
me for an everlasting rest,  
merits of Thy Son Jesus Chri  
Amen.



to admit poor mortals into the house where Thou hast placed Thy name, to approach before Thee in Thy courts, to be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, and to worship at Thy footstool ; look down from heaven, O Lord, and behold, from the habitation of Thy holiness and Thy glory, Thy unworthy servant here before Thee ; hearken unto my voice, my King and my God, that prostrate myself to call unto Thee, and offer my sacrifice of thanksgiving for the opportunities Thou hast vouchsafed me, to seek Thy face, to pay my vows in the presence of Thy people, and to come into the courts of Thy house. In mercy pardon my wanderings and imperfections, and forgive the iniquities of my holy things. Cover all the misdeeds of this day, remove them as far from me as the east is from the west, and the north from the south. [I humbly pray for all my fellow-creatures, especially for my

great and invaluable blessing  
Creator and a common Father  
Thou hast vouchsafed to the  
that I may never fail of a part  
adoration and praise, let me  
in going to the house of my  
hearing I may know, and  
may be enabled to do Thy  
deceive my soul by being  
that all Thy ordinances may  
every return of this day  
fitter for the glorious appearance  
Son in the day of our Lord  
Amen

## Monday.

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### A Meditation on the Globe of the World.

*Such is our eagerness in the pursuit of worldly blessings, that our devotions make but a short parenthesis in our time and business, and we are restless and uneasy till we fly back to the service of our Mammon ; thus He that gives us our being and our time is stinted to a day ; nay, how oft is it that our greedy desires assault Him in His sanctuary, intrench upon His right, and our worldly thoughts observe no day of rest. But when we dare take so much courage as to divide betwixt God and Mammon, and, notwithstanding the importunities of the world, yield one day back to our great Creator ; yet then with what greediness do we return to our wonted drudgery in the service of the world,*

single quarter, we spend upon it, if  
our devotion is thought rude, in  
no minutes from the importunate  
Vretched mortals that we are!  
Right we be, did we believe we were  
y serving of our God, and that  
methods carry on our temporal  
nterest;—that prayer prospers  
and that of the closet helps despatch  
other affairs. Let the Christian  
here begin the management of time  
for which heaven has allotted  
portion of his time; let him not  
the service of the preceding day  
of cares, till he has first importunately  
duct and the patronage of i

### A Prayer for Monday Morning.

O Eternal God, in whom I live and move and have my being, and who hast promised all things necessary to those that seek Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, be thou pleased to accept my thanks for preserving me the night past, to direct and prosper me in all my undertakings of this day and the ensuing week; let Thy law be the rule of all my actions, and Thy will direct and govern all my cares, that I may mind the blessings of this, without hazarding those of the other world; and whilst I seek the necessities of this life, I may not forfeit my hopes of that which is eternal, but so use Thy bounty, that the unrighteous mammon may make me friends that will receive me into everlasting habitations; and that I may so possess thy treasure here on earth,



heaven ; and so manage th  
hast committed to my care  
last receive my recompense  
of the faithful, and enter  
Thy rest. But because I  
can do nothing, and 'tis Th  
in me both to will and to  
good pleasure : Good Lord  
both prevent and follow m  
my days ; let it lead me in  
then guide me there ; that  
begun, continued, and ende  
promote Thy glory, and se  
vation of my own soul. [  
my neighbour as myself,

give unto them whatever may be profitable for life and godliness. All which I ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.] Amen.



### A Prayer for Monday Evening.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast permitted us to ask our daily bread, and promised all things necessary to those that seek Thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof: be thou pleased to continue Thy fatherly care and protection over me, to keep and bless me in all my ways, and prosper me in all the lawful concerns of human life; moderate my affections to the world, and so direct me in the pursuit of things temporal, that piety may sanctify all my cares, and a respect unto Thy commands consecrate all my endeavours and desires. O holy Father, who art full of compassion and kindness, pardon

whatsoever Thou didst see amiss in the actions of this day, and accept my thanks for all Thy mercies vouchsafed unto me therein ; for Thy bounty in supplying my wants and needs, and for Thy mercy in enlarging my day of repentance : Let Thy grace attend all Thy gifts, and so direct me in the management of them, that they may be useful instruments of Thy glory, and my gratitude and fidelity. Fit me for the reward of the faithful servant in the everlasting joys of my Master's rest. [Be merciful and gracious to the whole race of mankind, particularly to those to whom I am more immediately related, as likewise to this family, and give them and me whatsoever thine infinite wisdom knows to be necessary both for our spiritual and temporal welfare.] Vouchsafe, O Lord, to enlarge Thy mercy, in protecting me this night from sin and sad accidents, from the malice of the devil, and the violence of

wicked men. Watch over me, that I may lie down in safety, and rise again to praise Thee in the light of the living, and all for His sake who is the light of the world, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.



## Tuesday.



### A Meditation on Providence.

*The world is governed by the same Eternal Power and Wisdom by which at first 'twas made, which (by ways secret and invisible as the Hand that guides them,) sometimes directs the counsels and cares of men to ends the agents never designed, and by steady counsels brings that to pass which seems the effect of casualty and chance, whilst the best-laid designs of men are by the same over-ruling Hand crushed to nothing, and the*

*when wiser providence thinks fit  
the one, and deny a blessing  
therefore that is only wisdom,  
to a dependence on that of God  
counsels only are safe, which  
most entire submission to God  
such is the pride and folly of  
that we measure our hopes by  
our designs, and fondly think  
strong that they can never be  
pretend to carve out our own  
to build our hopes and found  
wisdom of men ; and when our  
appointments and unaccountable  
discovered to us an over-ruling*

*goodness we pretend to implore, and too often render our very prayers a fit subject for our repentance. But let me never so learn Christ, but commit my ways, myself, my hopes and concerns, to God, and entirely resign my will to His; for that goodness that provides for the lilies, the grass, and ravens, will never exclude me from His care; let me therefore never murmur nor repine, let no impending danger fright me to distrust, no threatening cloud drive me to despair; but let me commit my ways to Him that is wise beyond my understanding, and may be merciful beyond my hopes.*



### *A Prayer for Tuesday Morning.*

O most holy and almighty Father, whose mercy has the same bounds with Thy providence, and is extended to all thy works, with the eye of mercy and com-

behind Thy back, and turn T  
all my iniquities ; let neither  
my passions, my follies nor ir  
frequent omissions of holy d  
cold and heartless performance  
Thy mercy from me, nor my  
gressions provoke Thy wrath  
tion against me. Let not the  
patience and long-suffering, i  
ing the talents thou hast len  
trifling away the precious mi  
to make my peace, turn thi  
my prayers, or make any on  
in an abomination : but let

Thee, nor my unworthiness to be called thy servant, give me over unto Thy wrath ; but let His merits in whom Thou art well-pleased make my peace ; let His blood seal my pardon, and then seal me to the day of redemption. And that all Thy mercies may redound to Thy glory, accept my praise for the mercies of the past night : let the same providence that then protected me, this day watch over me for my good ; let the showers of Thy grace supplant the corruption of my nature, and, through Christ to strengthen me, enable me to do all things necessary to godliness and honesty, to walk innocently and unblameably towards God and men, and at last attain to the resurrection of the just.

[And now, O gracious God, I humbly commend myself, and all whom I ought specially to remember in my prayers, to Thy mercies in Christ Jesus, using His own most perfect forms of words.]



and pitiest the infirmities, O  
hearken unto my voice, O  
cry unto Thee, have mercy  
hear me. Thou hast been  
since I was born ; leave n  
forsake me, O God of my s  
me not in the power of n  
do Thou forsake me whilst  
to get dominion over me  
Spirit direct my steps, and  
way everlasting. O Lord,  
so direct, that I may keep  
that Thy law may be my g  
exercise myself therein both

fashion me; it was Thou that didst provide for me when I yet hanged upon my mother's breast; it was Thy power that made me, Thy mercy that redeemed me, and it is Thy Providence that daily provides for me; and should I tell of all Thy wondrous works, they are more than I am able to express: O, how great is the sum of them! And what shall I give unto Thee, O Lord, for all these Thy benefits? A broken and a contrite heart are the only acceptable sacrifices, but these are not mine to give; for when I would do good, evil is present with me, and of myself I can do nothing; but with Thee, O Lord, nothing is impossible. Be pleased, therefore, first to create in me a heart truly contrite, and then accept it for a sacrifice; forgive all my transgressions, and blot out all my misdeeds, particularly those of this day. [To Thy blessing I commend myself and all that belongs to me, and all for

safe under Thy wings ; ar  
down to take my rest, do I  
dwell in safety ; defend me fr  
of darkness, and bring to no  
sels of the ungodly, that I  
give thanks unto Thee, who  
of my countenance and my  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Ar



## Wednesday



A Meditation on the Va  
certainty of Worldly

*to-day; and the course of nature so necessarily requires change, that her beauty and order is nothing else but change, directed by the all-wise Providence; and that in which we seem to have a certain and undisputed property, the bodies we fondly call our own, are in a perpetual flux; every morsel we eat makes an alteration, and everything we draw makes it what it was not before, and every little and undiscerned pore does every moment do somewhat towards a change; nay, our better part, the soul, that seems to partake the immutability of that nature by which 'twas formed, yet in its operations is so inconstant to itself, that it distinguishes us as much from ourselves as from one another, and is so unlike itself in the different states of the body, as if it were not the same immortal being that animates the child and the man. What certainty then can be expected where nature and the great Creator's will have fixed a worm to destroy the finest gourd,*

so uncertain, that they in  
Providence, human wisdom  
affections, seem to unite the  
And that greatness which th  
and pursues, is little else  
opinion, and is sure of no  
noise, greater cares, and a  
and that which is best built,  
to its height, but moves slow  
but still is moving thither, &  
once come to the meridian, &  
sets in a cloud. And can I  
whilst the world turns round  
from the consequences of  
tion, or think wealth or hon  
in mine than in other hands

*human hopes and industry? For if the enjoyments were fixed immoveable by the hand of Providence, it would be in vain to rise up early and sit up late, and eat the bread of carefulness; there would be nothing to provoke the industry of the little, nor need the menage of the great; but the same inconstancy is fuel to our hopes as well as fears, and the perpetual circulation gives room to hope a higher as well as dread a lower state, and look for a flow as well as an ebb of fortune. May religion, then, beget in me such a generous and immoveable constancy, that the approaches of the world may not transport, nor the recess disturb me—the hopes of it not make me do an ill thing, nor the fears omit a good one.*



O Eternal God, whose love fills the world, and fills all the plenteousness, who givest upbraidest our weakness, fully pleased that Thy grace Thy bounty, and Thy Spirit consecrate all Thou givest, that the world as not to abuse fully manage the talents into my hands, that I may the number of Thy good servants ; and when I have been hireling my day, I may be joys of Thy rest. Nor do on my own performance

to add to Thy felicity ; but when we have done all, we are unprofitable servants, owing to Thy grace all the good we do, and all the comforts we enjoy in this life, as well as our hopes of a better. Therefore not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name, must be 'ascribed the praise. It was Thy hand, O God, that made and fashioned me, and Thy mercy that has preserved my soul from death, and my life from destruction ; and it is Thy goodness that has enlarged my day of repentance, that has brought me through the terrors of the past night,—through the shadow of death,—to praise Thee once more in the land of the living. Lord, open my mouth, that I may show forth Thy praise, and declare the wonders Thou dost for the children of men ; and let the same Hand that protected me this night, preside over me, and be my helper and defender this day ; and Thy mighty power, by which Thou subduest all things



to Thyself, either keep back and defend me from all temptations, or give me dominion over them ; that sin may not reign in my mortal body, nor I obey it in the lust thereof, but live over this as if it were my dying day, that I may be ready whensoever Thou shalt please to call me, and with joy give in my accounts when Thy Son shall judge the world. [Bless all my friends and relations, particularly——] for Jesus Christ, His sake, my Lord and Saviour, who hath taught us thus to pray.



### A Prayer for Wednesday Evening.

O Almighty God, whom rightly to know is everlasting life, and without whose favour and pleasure our days are but a shadow, and our years as vanity, in the multitude of Thy mercies look down upon me, who am but a stranger and a pilgrim, as all my

fathers were. O Lord, there is no abiding city here, and those poor trifles we dote on here below are nothing but vanity and vexation of spirit; but in Thy presence there is fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore; therefore wean me from the inordinate love of the world, carry up my affections to things above, let my treasure be in heaven, and my heart be there also. Teach me Thy ways, O Lord, that I may walk in Thy truth, and knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy name. Do Thou lead and guide me in all Thy ways, that whilst I walk in this vain shadow, I may not disquiet myself in vain, nor grudge and toil to heap up riches, that I know not who shall gather, but teach me to submit to Thy will in all the methods of providence, and in whatsoever state I am, there with to be content. Teach me to abhor my own iniquities, and let nothing be so

let my delight be in Thy  
because man is to be cut do  
and has but a short time t  
to remember my latter en  
mindful of that great acc  
day to give. Thy purer  
hold the least iniquity wi  
therefore, good Lord, be  
sinner, and heal my soul  
against Thee ; be not stri  
in mercy forgive, what I  
this day, and enter not into  
me for it. Accept my h  
the mercies of this day, a  
Lord, to whom the darkne  
are both alike preserve s

taught us thus to pray, saying, Our Father, &c.



## Thursday.



### A Meditation on Human Frailty.

*Sin was first drawn into the world by a woman, so able was the weakest hand to pull down ruin upon mankind; so easy it is to do ill, and so little study, contrivance, or pains suffice to withdraw us from our duty, that the impress of divinity, the precepts wrote on nature, were defaced by the charms of a single sense, and "behold 'tis fair," withstood the force of reason, and a law to interdict the first disobedience; a sad and fatal proof that in our corrupted state no chains will hold the unruly fiend. For if, in the state of innocence, sin was able to break*

*strong man armed, armed  
debauch of human nature, l  
session of vice, and habits of  
old as our being; habits  
same seed of original sin br  
ten, in some fifty, in others c  
That is indeed the cockatrice's  
own habits which nurse it int  
sin of our immediate paren  
sin of our first so dangerou  
of a timely care to instil t  
virtue, that gives sin so univ  
in the world. For what  
grapple with vice incorpor  
endeared by custom, and  
become familiar? In these*

*very natures, before they can heartily set forward in the way to heaven? And when they do, there is hardship to conquer, and difficulty to struggle with; for the brightest soul (like Israel's cloud,) has some dark side, some part or passion that is less guarded than all the rest; and he that is proof against the most powerful assaults of a bare-faced vice (like the strongest castle,) may be taken by surprise; one glance may let in an adultery repulsed a thousand times by serious thoughts, and one passion transports the best of men to the commission of what they again abhor when cooled in their usual temper. O wretched men that we are! who shall deliver us from this body of death? Whither can we fly, but to Him that has conquered death for us, to Him that assumed our natures without our corruption? It is He that must redeem us from the tyranny and dominion of it; and He that was tempted, and yet knew no sin, He only can deliver us from the*

*His strength we may do all  
therefore, with zeal and cour  
Christian warfare, endea  
power of heaven to conquer  
subdue ourselves, that a sense  
quicken us to run the faster;  
of evil habits teach us to cr  
in the shell, to prevent the  
sin, and still press forward  
of our high calling; and  
be overtaken in the fatal  
none can work, nor surpris  
before we have made our p  
let us put on the armour of  
to stand, that His grace m  
and His strength our protec*

### A Prayer for Thursday Morning.

O Almighty and most Merciful Father, who at first madest man upright, and now he has sought out many inventions, and sin is entered into the world by his disobedience, desirest not his ruin, and takest no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but invitest us to repent and live, and hast sent Thy Son to save sinners, and with all the love and tenderness of a father daily callest upon us to turn from the evil of our ways, and save our souls alive ; O blessed Lord, let not one of these amazing instances of Thy goodness and compassion be lost upon me ; but since the hearts of men are in Thy hands, and Thou canst work in me a power both to will and to do ; O Thou lover of souls, let Thy grace that has appeared to teach men to deny



in righteousness and true ho  
me to live righteously, sobe  
in this present evil world,  
time, because my days are e  
to whom nothing is impos  
to go on from one degree  
other, till I become perfect  
and that whilst it is calle  
make my calling and elec  
Thy grace be sufficient for  
Spirit help all my infirmitie  
of Thy might subdue the  
was born, and the succour  
that iniquity in which I  
let no temptations befall r  
are common unto men. ar

law in my members wars against that in my mind, with the same hand that made and fashioned me be pleased then to defend me; when the devil lays his snares, and seeks to devour my soul, be Thou my shield and buckler, and stand up to help me; teach me so to resist, that he may flee from me; or if my heart entice me, do Thou, who art greater than my heart, and knowest all things, make me more than conqueror. [I recommend to Thy particular favour and protection all my relations and friends, particularly ——.] In Thy mercy, O Lord, accept my thanks and praise for Thy constant care and providence over me, for the protection of the last night, and the favours Thou hast this day renewed unto me; let me be safe under Thy wings the remainder of it; guide me in Thy ways, direct all my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps may not slide, that I may diligently keep Thy statutes,

and in Thy mercy pardon all my sins, for Jesus Christ His sake, my only Lord and Saviour. Amen.



### A Prayer for Thursday Evening.

O Almighty and ever-blessed Lord God, who knowest I am but dust, and rememberest whereof I am made, that all my dependence is upon Thee, so that without Thy help I can do nothing but sin against Thee ; have mercy upon me, O Lord, for my soul trusteth in Thee, and under Thy wings shall be my trust. O hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slide not ; and according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Lord, lay not my sins to my charge, for they are like the sand of the sea for multitude ; they are more than the hairs of my

head, and are a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear ; but Thy power is able to break the bonds of my iniquity, and cast away its cords from me. O Lord, let Thy grace be sufficient for me, and though of myself I can do nothing, yet through Thy strength I can do all things ; therefore, blessed Father, stir up Thy strength and come and help me, help me to mortify all lusts of my flesh, and when evil is present with me, Lord, fail me not, neither do Thou forsake me, but send forth Thy light and Thy truth to guide me ; direct my goings in Thy way, and lead me in the way everlasting. O good God, to whom belong mercy and forgiveness, pardon the transgressions of this day, and in mercy accept my blessing of Thee for Thy longsuffering and forbearance, and adding a day to the space of my repentance. Lord, bless Thy own donations, and let it never be laid to my charge that Thou gavest me time, and

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vigour, grows up into choice and  
learns so to relish and enjoy it  
becomes its own reward, and,  
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itself. Why, then, should I do  
that may either make or confi  
beget or improve my virtue, that  
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will leave me better? May G  
me good by whatever way seems*

*He thinks best, let His will be done ; for if His grace make me good, man can never make me happy.*

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### A Prayer for Friday Morning.

O Eternal God, who dwellest in light inaccessible, which no mortal eye can approach and live, yet stylest Thyself a God hearing prayer, and art always ready to bow down Thine ear to all such as call upon Thee faithfully ; Lord, prepare mine heart to pray, and let thine ear hearken thereunto. Give me a sense of my necessities and wants, and teach me so to ask, that the lifting up of my hands may be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer. And since Thou hast promised pardon to all that confess and forsake their sins, be pleased to open my eyes, that I may see

and mourn for all my offences, and learn never more to behold my own iniquities with approbation. Take away the strength and power of my natural corruption, redeem me from the bondage and captivity of my own lusts, and let not sin have dominion over me, nor reign in my mortal body. Thou, O Lord, hast commanded Thy servants to ask, and promised Thou wilt hear when they call upon Thee; O Son of David, have mercy upon me; O Lord, heal my blindness and obduracy, speak the word that I may receive my sight, that I may discern betwixt good and evil, and see the filthiness and deformity of sin, that I may abhor myself in dust and ashes, and so humble myself before Thee, that the evil may never fall upon me that my sins deserve. O thou merciful preserver of man, do Thou spare though I have deserved punishment, and in the midst of wrath think upon mercy; pardon all my

vanities and follies, my lusts and passions, forgive my known, and cleanse me from my secret sins ; let the same goodness that has defended me the past night, protect and watch over me this day, that I may run the way of Thy commandments, and do nothing but what shall be well-pleasing in Thy sight. [Bless all my relations and friends, especially ——. Give Thy holy angels charge over all of us, to protect us this day from all sin and danger, through Jesus Christ our Lord.] Amen.



### *A Prayer for Friday Evening.*

O Father of mercies, who savest my life from destruction, and daily crownest me with mercy and loving-kindness, who hearest the voice of prayer, and inclinest Thine ear when we call upon Thee ; O



it may be Thy good pleasure  
answer all my petitions. O  
heaven and earth, who know  
give good gifts to Thy children  
promised to withhold no man  
from those that fear Thee, and  
wilt give Thy Spirit to them  
open, O Lord, to Thy servant  
and give to me that asks ;  
favour, that is better than  
me my unrighteousness, and  
sins. O Father, I have sinned  
heaven and before Thee, and  
to be called Thy child ; Lord  
Thy servant, O let not mine  
inclined to any evil thing, and

and be glad in Thee, and sing praise unto Thy name, O Thou most high. Let the benefits Thou daily pourest upon me, teach me more and more to fear Thy name; Thou hast laid help upon one that is mighty, let the mightiness of Thy kingdom be known unto men, by casting down the strongholds of sin and Satan, by putting on me the armour of God, and enable me to proceed from grace to grace, and from strength to strength, till I become perfect in Christ Jesus. [Lord, receive me and all my relations and friends this night under thy protection. Let Thy holy angels pitch their tents round about our beds, that being safely delivered from all perils and dangers of this night, and comfortably refreshed with moderate sleep, we may rise in the morning fit for Thy service.] I thank Thee, O Lord, for all the mercies Thou hast this day vouchsafed to me. O prepare Thy loving mercy and thankfulness, that they

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my God and my Father, an  
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## Saturday



### A Meditation on the a Holy Life

*[If we would see God, it*

*earnest desires and resolutions to devote ourselves henceforward to His honour and service, and to live answerably to the engagements of that holy covenant which we were admitted into at our baptism, and become patterns of that universal goodness it requires.] He disputes best for his Christianity, that is good and virtuous by its sacred influence and conduct, whilst unpractised arguments answer themselves, and conclude only against the man that brings them; for that zeal is of no value that is only fuel to itself, and spends in useless heats that warmth which should cherish a generous and useful virtue, and kindle the holy ardours of the most sincere and unaffected piety; for herein God has laid the foundation of our hopes, here centre all His precepts, His threats and promises; He gives assurance of life and glory, that having such promises we should purify ourselves; has revealed His will, that we may know and obey it; and left his menaces on*

sent His Son to die, to redeem  
power and prevalence, as well  
of sin. And surely He never  
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of ours, or His being good was  
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*then that eternal goodness be my pattern, and let me strive to imitate that perfect Being that I hope to adore and enjoy for ever, and my duty be a prelude to my reward, and a steady and serious piety introduce me to the joys that time shall never end.*



### A Prayer for Saturday Morning.

Almighty God, by whose power I was made, by whose mercy I have been redeemed, and by whose providence and bounty I have been hitherto preserved and provided for, in mercy look down upon me, and, through Him in whom Thou art pleased, accept my person and my prayers, and my hearty sacrifice of thanks and praise for all Thy mercies and favours

into Thy presence, to magnify  
Thy holy name; for giving  
space for repentance, and so  
visions to return and live; for  
forts and advantages of this  
Thou hast so liberally vouchsafed  
and for those glorious experiences  
better. O Lord, what is not  
shouldst thus be mindful of  
son of man that Thou shouldst  
him! But what am I, so  
miserable a sinner, that Thou  
as constant to me as the day  
shouldst give Thy Son to die  
with all the tenderness and  
as a father invite me to repent

arts of love and wisdom to save me from the misery that my sins deserve, whilst I have been making sure of my own damnation ! But, O blessed Father ! let Thy mercy at least prevail, Thy patience overcome my obstinacy, and Thy goodness and forbearance lead me to repentance, and Thy Holy Spirit make me humble, meek, tractable, and obedient ; and so direct and guide me this and all my days, that my conversation may be innocent and unblameable, that I may study to do good, and through Thy mercy come at last to the joys of Thy rest, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.





O Almighty and most merciful  
to whose power and goodness  
being, and all the blessings I  
accept my thanks and praise  
mercies Thou hast this day vouchsafed  
me ; and teach me so to use them  
Thou givest me here, that I may  
fit for those which are at Thy right hand  
for ever. Lord, forgive me all  
done amiss, particularly the  
day ; and for the future teach  
me to live, that by prudence and industry  
meekness and charity, by the  
decency of my conversation,  
I may be a witness of the Gospel of Christ and a  
praise to Thy name.

our superiors, to despise our equals, and censure all ; how easily a temptation prevails upon us ; how readily we yield to a lust, and are overcome by every attempt to turn us from our duty. In pity look down upon me, and forgive me what is past, and so arm me by Thy grace and assistance for the future, that I may entirely resign my will to Thine, and cheerfully submit to all Thy dispensations ; that I may behave myself with all due regard to my betters, with meekness and condescension to my inferiors, and with all imaginable candour and charity to all ; that I may walk warily and circumspectly amidst the dangers and temptations that encompass me, and by patience and continuance in well-doing, seek for glory and honour, and life eternal. [I commend to Thy gracious care my several friends and relations. Save them from the dangers of this evil world ; sanctify them to Thyself,

guidance of Thy good Spirit,  
when both I and they shall be  
to appear before Thee.] O I  
them and me this night into  
tion and care, watch over us  
sleep, and raise us again in  
strength to praise Thee, th  
Christ, our most blessed Savi  
deemer. Amen.



### A short Prayer for any

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I owe the safety and protecti

Let Thy law this day be my guide, Thy power to defend me, and Thy grace direct me, that every day Thou addest to my life may make me fitter for the great day of accounts, and Thy mercy for the joys of Thy rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### A short Prayer for any Evening.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, who delighteth in shewing mercy and doing good ; pardon the sins I have committed, and teach me thankfulness for the mercies I have this day received. Continue Thy watchful eye of providence over me. Defend me this night from all evil accidents, sin, and danger ; refresh my body with moderate rest and sleep ; adorn my

soul with the grace of Thy holy Spirit, and save both body and soul in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



*A Prayer before or on a Journey.*

O Almighty God, whose power rules over all, and whose providence extends itself to the whole creation, receive me into Thy protection and care, and give Thy angels charge to keep me in all my ways. Deliver me from the snares of wicked men, that may purpose to overthrow my goings. Bring both my soul and body to the place where I would be, and let no evil befall me in my way. O preserve my goings out, and my comings in, henceforth and for evermore. Amen.



### A Parent's Prayer for Children.

O Blessed Father, whose gift and heritage children are, in mercy look down on mine ; make them Thy servants ; be Thou unto them a God and a Father, and show them Thy salvation. Teach them to fly youthful lusts, and so to live that out of their lives Thou mayest perfect Thy own praise. Make them holy and innocent, harmless, and unblamable ; guide them with Thy counsel, keep them in Thy ways, and let them never depart from Thy statutes. O suffer them to come unto Thee, and forbid them not, but make them a part of Thy kingdom here, and receive them into Thy glory hereafter, for Jesus Christ His sake. Amen.



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shall prevail; O Lord, let m  
into Thy ears, and do Thou l  
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vant\* who labours under T  
Thou merciful Preserver of  
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discontent, murmuring, and  
and in meekness teach him  
soul. Though the snares  
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upon him, O speak peace to  
it be of good cheer thy sin

and say unto it, I am thy salvation. Wash it in the blood of Thy Son, cleanse it from all unrighteousness, and whensoever Thou receivest it, receive it into the mansions of bliss and joy prepared for those that love and fear Thee. But with Thee, O Lord, there is nothing impossible, and if Thou wilt but speak the word, Thy servant may be healed. O speak that comfortable word! And when he is made whole, teach him to sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto him; but make him Thy servant, and show him Thy salvation; give him ease under, or enable him to support, all his sufferings, and whether he live or die, make him Thine; heal his body, pardon his sins, and save his soul, and all for Thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.





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O Holy Father, give me a r  
never to be repented of! Put  
into my heart, and write them  
soul. O do Thou turn me, that  
turned; draw me that I may  
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of a stone raise up a child to  
O teach me to abhor my own  
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Thy will!



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and hast commanded all men everywhere to repent, have mercy and compassion on me, sinful dust and ashes. Teach me to call my own ways to remembrance, and with sorrow and indignation to look on my past iniquities, and mourn for them. The hearts of men are in Thy hands, O Lord ! and Thou turnest them where Thou wilt ; O do Thou create a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me ! Give me a true sense of, and a hearty detestation of, all my sins ; teach me sincerely to resolve against them, and give me grace to be true to my resolutions ; and let my repentance be such, as is never to be repented of ; a repentance to salvation ; and all for His sake in whose name Thou hast commanded repentance and remission of sins to be preached to all nations, Jesus Christ, my blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.



O most Holy Father, who art more ready to see with thine eyes than to behold the least iniquity, and who art more ready to give approbation, and commandest that I should be pure as Thou art pure; Thou purify me from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. Let no uncleanness defile my body, no lust defile my soul; my body be holy and undefiled temple of the Holy Ghost; and pure from every unclean thought, irregular desire; and all my words and actions modest and innocent; and make me so entirely to conform to the rules of chastity, that at last, when I shall appear before Thee, I may find myself wholly unspeckled and without stain.

### A Prayer in the Time of Affliction.

O most just and holy God, who hast taught us that afflictions rise not out of the dust, but are ordered by Thy wisdom, and directed by Thy providence ; in Thy mercy and compassion look down upon me, poor dust and ashes, labouring under Thy afflicting hand ; give me patience under it, and let Thy mercy support me whilst I smart under the terrors of Thy wrath and justice ; and Thy grace be sufficient for me, teaching me entirely to resign to Thy will ; and let Thy blessed Spirit so direct and guide me in calling my ways to remembrance, that I may find out the accursed thing that hast provoked Thy wrath and indignation against me ; and so strengthen me, that I may hate, and abhor, and cast from me my dearest follies, and forsake my beloved

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turn thine anger from me, for His  
whom Thou art well pleased, Thy  
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Ame



# Family Prayers

FOR

EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

PART II.



## A Prayer for the Lord's Day in the Morning.

O Eternal God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, and to whom we owe the uttermost service that our corrupted natures render us capable of performing ; be pleased to assist us in the holy offices of this day, and in Thy mercy accept them. Since Thou hast vouchsafed to carry us through the dangers of the past night, let the same providence protect

the Spirit of wisdom so directed  
all our works begun, continu  
ended in Thee, we may glorify  
name. Since Thou hast vouchsafe  
us Thy gospel, and to bring life  
mortality to light, yet hast not dea  
many other nations, nor given the  
ledge of Thy laws ; let not our in  
render us unworthy of so great a  
nor our lust ever so far prevail, a  
that mercy become a snare, or  
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our deeds are evil ; but let Th  
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and set our affections on things above. Let not the dulness of our own hearts render Thy gospel fruitless ; nor the cares of this world, or the deceitfulness of riches, choke the good seed of Thy word. Let there be no enemy to sow tares, but make the ground good, and let it bring forth an hundred fold. Let Thy Spirit go with us to the house of prayer, and purge away those lusts that make it a den of thieves, that our public services may be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. Good God, hear us, and answer us, and do more for us than we are able to ask or think, for His sake, who sits at Thy right hand to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ the righteous, to whom with Thee and Thy blessed Spirit, be ascribed all honour and glory, and praise, and adoration, both now and evermore. Amen.





## Eveing.

O Almighty God, who art  
ready to hear than we to pr  
give more than either we desire  
be pleased to accept our  
praise and thanksgiving for  
Thou hast this day vouchsaf  
for the glad tidings of the gos  
for inviting us to repent an  
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Thee. Be pleased to add c  
more to all Thou hast bestow  
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mercies, that Thy calls may av  
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graciously pleased that the powerful influence of Thy blessed Spirit may constantly attend it, and bring it home to all our souls. Let the same hand that plants, give the increase, and the same mercy that gives the seed, prepare the soil, and let the increase be an hundred fold, that the light of Thy gospel that shines around, may point out all our failings, and show us what the Lord would have us to do ; may teach us to make it our great business to enquire what we must do to be saved ; and kindle such a zeal, as may hasten our diligence, to work out our salvation with fear and trembling, and among the number of Thy faithful servants, entitle us to a blessing in the day of our Lord Jesus. Yet, lest our guilt should defeat our hopes and desires, for Thy mercy's sake, O Lord, heal our backslidings, and forgive our sins, magnify Thy power in showing mercy and pity ;

WHOM THOU HAST

precious blood ; reward us not  
to our iniquities, but let Thy  
mount all our sins, and Thy  
triumph in the pardon of all  
O Thou merciful preserver of  
who sparest when we deserve pu  
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upon mercy ; extend that mer  
our works, and forgive us the si  
our holy Things. Let not ou  
ness or our coldness, or unpre  
or our inadvertency in hearin  
word, nor any one of those in  
have this day added to our gre  
prevent Thy mercy, or keep

sanctuary and protection through the terrors of the ensuing night; and the same goodness which has this day fed our souls, this night refresh our bodies, and keep us safe from violence and danger, from sad accidents and sin, that we may once more praise Thee in the land of the living, and, by adding time to the day of our repentance, we may be so prepared, that when our Lord shall come, He may find us doing of His will, and in the number of His faithful servants, receive us into the joys of His rest, to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit be ascribed all honour and glory, both now and evermore. Amen.



O Eternal God, whose hand  
the foundations of the earth,  
right hand has spanned the heav  
givest breath to the people upon  
and spirit to them that wall  
who art gracious and full of c  
slow to anger, and of great m  
art good to all, and whose tend  
are over all Thy works ; hear  
God of Israel, who are less tha  
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Thy name for whatever Thou knowest to be needful for our souls and bodies.

O Lord, let Thy grace this day be sufficient for us, and let no temptation befall us, but what Thou enablest us to bear. Let Thy laws, which are holy, just, and good, be our counsellors and our guide. Do Thou make all our ways righteous in Thy sight ; and do Thou prosper us in all that we set our hands unto. Teach us to die to sin, and live unto righteousness, and let every one that names the name of Christ depart from all iniquities ; purifying us unto Thyself, and make us a peculiar people, zealous of good works ; and let all that call upon Thy name be holy. Do good to all that we are bound to pray for ; pardon all our sins, forgive and convert our enemies, and bless our friends ; go along with us this day in all our works ; let Thy ways be ours, and do Thou keep us in them, and let Thine be our will, that what-

and do thou save us in  
Lord Jesus Christ, our ble  
and Redeemer. Amen.



### A Family Prayer for Mon

O Lord our heavenly Father  
and everlasting God, who an  
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sion, and sin, hear us sinful  
that in the multitude of Thy  
into Thy presence to make  
tions before Thee. O cast  
from Thy presence, nor take  
Spirit from us ; but let His :

is in Thee that we live, and move, and have our being. If Thou but hide Thy face, a weight of sin and trouble does easily beset us; if Thou take away our breath, we die, and turn again to our dust; if Thou art angry, all our days are gone, and we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is told; but in Thee, O Lord, is our hope; Thou art our strength, and our confidence, and our merciful God; and be Thou our help in the needful time of trouble. Lord, help us against the law in our members that wars against the law in our minds; against the wiles and subtleties of him who seeks whom he may devour; and through Thy strength make us conquerors over all temptations. Let no sin get dominion over us; but say unto us, Thou art our salvation. O Lord, teach us to number our days, and apply our hearts unto wisdom, to redeem our time, because the days are evil, and to give all diligence to



make our calling and election sure ; that we may not only have hope in this life, but die in the Lord, and be with Christ, which is far better.

Lord, be merciful to all that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death, bring them into Thy light and Thy truth, and guide all our feet into the ways of peace. Accept our supplications for all men, for kings, and all that are put in authority. Bless our gracious Sovereign, and all ministers of justice under her ; make them all zealous of good works, and let their light shine before men. Bless all that are near and dear unto us, by whatever tie and relation. Now, O Lord, into Thy care and protection we resign ourselves, our souls and bodies, beseeching Thee not to remember against us our former iniquities, not to lay to our charge the sins of this day ; to accept our unfeigned thanks for all Thy mercies continued or

vouchsafed unto us this day. Lord, receive us this night into Thy arms, refresh our bodies with sleep, defend our souls from sin, and let our persons and estates, and all that belong to us, be secure from danger, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, to whom with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, both now and for ever. Amen.



### A Family Prayer for Tuesday Morning.

O Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all such as call upon Thee, and always ready to hear our prayers ; O Lord, bow down Thine ear, and hear us, that fall low before Thy footstool, beseeching Thee to bless us, in turning us from all our iniquities, in writing Thy law upon our hearts, and making stedfast all our purposes to

keep Thy commandments: teach us to await all the days of our appointed time, till our change shall come; that when the evil days come, and the years draw nigh in which there is no pleasure, we may have so fought our fight, and may so finish our course, that the crown of righteousness may be ours that is laid up for us.

Lord, be merciful to Thy people wherever dispersed, or however distressed: in righteousness establish the throne, and the sceptre in justice; instruct our counsellors, and teach our senators wisdom: clothe Thy priests with righteousness, and let the people hear the law from their mouths. Defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and see that the poor and needy have their right. Reward all our benefactors a thousand-fold into their bosoms; bless all our friends, and forgive our enemies; bless us also, O our Father, that prostrate ourselves before Thee, to praise

and magnify Thy holy name for all Thy mercies from day to day bestowed upon us ; for Thy care and protection the past night, and the mercies Thou hast this morning renewed upon us. O Lord increase our thankfulness, as Thou increasest Thy blessings. Let Thy hand hold us up this day, and Thy Spirit guide us, that we may lay aside the weight of sin that does so easily beset us, and so look up to the Author and Finisher of our faith, that we may not be weary in well-doing, but be faithful unto the end, and obtain a crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## A Family Prayer for Tuesday

O Father of all mercies, who of great goodness and great goodness mercy hear us that now call upon Thee trusting in the promise of Thy Word; Thou wilt give us whatsoever we ask in His name; for His sake accept our sins, and our prayers, and our petitions for the mercies of this day: make us sharers in that remission of sins that is so dearly purchased. Let His death and blood be for us, who deserve everlastingly; and for the merit of His blood, that our sins be required at our hands; Thy goodness lead us to repentance.

ing to Thy great goodness have mercy on us. O Lord, we must confess we have sinned against heaven and before Thee, and are not worthy to be called Thy children ; O make us Thy servants. Do Thou work in us both to will and to do of Thy own good pleasure. Lord, let not ours, but Thy, will be done, and let it be done as it is in heaven. Let Thy ways be known upon earth, Thy saving health unto all nations, and let all the ends of the earth fear Thy name : bless our gracious Sovereign Lady, and continue her a nursing mother of Thy church ; direct her counsellors, and teach our senators wisdom. Let justice and judgment be executed by all that are put in authority, and let them not be a terror to good works, but to evil. Bless their endeavours that labour in Thy vineyard. Bless the people of these kingdoms ; teach them all to fear Thy name from the least to the

greatest, and make them the happy people that have the Lord for their God. I pray for us also, O our Father, who commend our souls and bodies into Thy hands. I pray likewise our dear friends and relations. O remember not our former iniquities, the transgressions we have this day transgressed against Thee. Spare us, O I most Holy, and keep us this night under Thy protection, and refresh our bodies for the service of the next day. Let not this night begin our last sleep, but continue yet longer in the land of the living; as Thou grantest us time for, so grant us the grace of, repentance. O let it not be laid to our charge that Thou gavest us time to repent, and we repented not; fit us more and more to stand before the judgment-seat of Christ. Mortify all corrupt affections, and perfect in us the image of Thy Son in righteousness and holiness; and make us ready whensoever

it shall please Thee to call us to our everlasting home. O Lord, hear us and answer us, and do more for us than we are able to ask or think, for Thy Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour; to whom with Thee and Thy Holy Spirit be ascribed all honour and glory, both now and for evermore. Amen.



### *A Family Prayer for Wednesday Morning.*

O Almighty and most merciful Father, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in the midst of wrath thinkest upon mercy; who hast not recompensed us after our deservings, nor been extreme to mark what we have done amiss, but Thy blessings have been renewed to us every morning, and Thy goodness constantly, as the sun shines upon the evil as well as the



good. Lord, what are we sinful dust, ashes, that thus Thou shouldst be min of us? and what is the son of man, that Thou shouldst thus regard him? We born in sin, and conceived in iniquity; nature children of wrath, and can p right to nothing but damnation; and our manifold breaches of Thy law we l improved that right, acquiring a new to a miserable eternity. Thy long-su ing and forbearance we have despised, has Thy goodness led us to repentance to be repented of; and what are w expect, but that this day should begin day of Thy wrath and indignation aga us?—that “Depart from me, I know not,” should be our doom, and Thy ju and our demerit kindle that fire which s never be quenched. But seeing of mercy we are yet in the land of the liv and by Thy goodness we are encoura to hope that we shall live with Thee t

eternity; and those we have already received, animate our petitions for new blessings; be Thou graciously pleased to accept our thanks and praise for the mercies of the past night: and seeing Thou art pleased that that should not be the last scene of our lives, nor our sleep last till the resurrection, but hast given a fresh instance of Thy favour towards us, in adding new minutes to the day of our repentance, what Thy goodness has made ours let Thy grace and Holy Spirit make Thine, by consecrating to Thy service, by so governing, guiding, and directing us in all our actions and undertakings, that this may be a day holy and acceptable to Thee our God; and in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name; and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*A Family Prayer for Wednesday Evening.*

O Almighty and everliving God, who inhabitest eternity, and yet humblest Thyself to behold the things that are done in heaven and earth, and stylest Thyself a God hearing prayers, a God ready to pardon the failings and accept the imperfect service of Thy creatures; be pleased therefore to hear from heaven Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest to forgive us; and accept the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice. Let not our sins intercept our prayers, nor turn Thy face from our petitions. Let not the provocations of this day, our omissions of duty, our cold or heartless prayers, nor our repeated transgressions of Thy law, be brought into account; nor enter into judgment against Thy servants. Let not the

sins of this day, nor those of our lives past, ever hide the light of Thy countenance from us ; but lay them all upon His shoulders who was wounded for our transgressions and bore our iniquities, so that they may neither rise up against us nor condemn us. Be merciful, good God, to the whole race of mankind, to all our friends and relations, to all who desire our prayers, to all whom Thou hast put in authority, or appointed to serve at Thy altar ; bless them with such gifts and graces as may fit them for Thy service, and prepare them for Thy glory. And since Thou hast commanded all flesh to come unto Thee, and promised to open to those that knock, and that to those that ask it shall be given ; be pleased not to cast us out, who with all humility implore Thy pardon for the iniquities of this day, and prostrate ourselves before Thy throne, to beg acceptance of our gratitude, and in

thanks and praise to acknowledge Thy mercies towards us. We confess that it is of Thy mercy that we are not consumed — that the grave has not this day shut her mouth upon us, nor destruction covered us. Be pleased to add to Thy mercies in receiving us this night under the protection of thy providence ; let thy angels be our guard, and do Thou who neither slumberest nor sleepest be pleased to watch over us that we may be safe from all evil accidents our souls secure from sin, our bodies refreshed with moderate sleep and rest, and we fitted to serve Thee throughout our lives, that living we may live to Thee dying we may die in Thee, and whether we live or die, be for ever Thine. Al which we most humbly beg for the sake and merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ Amen.



*A Family Prayer for Thursday Morning.*

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and let our cries come unto Thee, O Thou merciful preserver of mankind! O be merciful unto us that fear Thee, and pity us as a Father pities his children! Teach our souls to praise Thee, and us, and all Thy works, to speak good of Thy name, for Thy merciful goodness that endures for ever upon them that fear Thee. O what shall we give unto Thee, O Lord, for all the benefits Thou hast done unto us; for giving Thy Son to die for us, and shedding His blood for the remission of our sins; for making Thy ways known among us, and Thy saving health unto this our nation; for all the methods of Thy goodness to lead us to repentance? O let Thy gospel be powerful to the salvation of our souls.

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ever present with us, from the law in our members, from the snares of the devil, and the deceitfulness of sin ; and let the honour of Thy grace be great in our salvation. Direct us in all the undertakings of this day. Let Thy testimonies be our delight and our counsellors, and let us not swerve from Thy commandments ; give us food and raiment, health and plenty, content and peace ; forgive all our sins, and let it be our meat and drink to do Thy will. Bless all that is ours, and all that are related to us ; and do good unto all men, especially to the household of faith, for His sake who died for all, Jesus Christ the righteous ; to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed all honour and glory, both now and for evermore. Amen.





### A Family Prayer for Thursd

O Lord God of Israel, who  
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us ; it is Thou who hast kept our souls this day from destruction, and our feet from falling, and brought us into Thy presence to offer our evening sacrifice ; not unto us, but unto Thy name, O Lord, be the praise ! O teach our souls to praise Thee, and all that is within us to praise Thy holy name, for the mercies Thou didst renew upon us with the morning, and Thy protection over us this day. Lord, pardon whatsoever was offensive to Thy purer eyes ; pass by our infirmities and our follies, all our omissions of duty, and all the provocations wherewith we have provoked Thee ; teach us daily to grow in grace, and in all temptations succour us with Thy mighty power ; and so deliver us from evil, that we may do Thy will on earth as it is done in heaven ; that we may be holy, unblameable, and irreproveable in Thy sight, looking for the day of the Lord Jesus, that whensoever He shall come, He may find us so

authority ; and receive our prayers for  
mankind. [Bless, also, O Lord, Thy ser-  
vants and friends.] O Lord, Thy angels  
of darkness and the light are both  
Thy angels charge over us this night  
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bodies with such rest that we may  
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end, and of that long rest Thou  
pointed for us, that we may pass  
of our sojourning here with  
trembling, and finally be receive  
joys of Thy everlasting rest, through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### A Family Prayer for Friday Morning.

O God the Father, who hast so loved the world, that Thou gavest Thy only begotten Son, that we should not perish. O God the Son, who tookest upon Thee the form of a servant, have mercy upon us and hear our prayers. Let them ascend like incense, and be merciful unto us, as Thou usest to be unto those that fear Thy name. O Lord, our iniquities have increased over our heads, and our trespasses are grown up to heaven ; we have added the numberless transgressions of our lives to the uncleanness of our natures, and are daily drinking in iniquity like water ; and how shall we stand in Thy sight, before whom the heavens are unclean, and who chargest the angels with folly. O deliver us from this body of death, and let Thy

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Thee. Lord, sanctify to us all the mercies Thou bestowest upon us ; let this time teach us to redeem that we have lost ; and let Thy forbearance win us to provide for our latter end. Turn us, O Lord, that we may be turned ; and save us in the number of the true Israelites. Let Thy merciful kindness be upon us this day ; be Thou our strong rock and defence, and from sin and danger now and ever mightily defend us. Bless all that we are bound to pray for, all that are related to us, and whatever Thy bounty has bestowed upon us ; and so guide us by Thy good Spirit, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



O Almighty and ever-blessed  
who art glorious in holiness  
praises, doing wonders, and whose  
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of unrighteousness. O, how long have we cast Thy laws behind our backs, and hated to be reformed ! and how shall we stand before Thee when Thy jealousy burns like fire, and Thou shalt come to take vengeance upon all our sins ! O Lord, we cannot say that we have not sinned, for then we shall deceive ourselves ; nor can we answer Thee for one of a thousand ; nay, shouldst Thou enter judgment with us for the sins of this day only, in Thy sight we could not be justified. We therefore fly from Thee as a judge, to Thee as a saviour, beseeching Thee to have mercy upon us, miserable sinners ! Spare us, good Lord, O, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood ! Forgive our past transgressions, and for the future teach us to redeem our time, to run the way of Thy commandments, and to walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. [Lord, bless Thy



a terror to evil works, and a sword in vain. O Lord, thou great, send forth labourers in the world, and be Thou with them to the end of the world, that they may bring many souls to righteousness; according to Thy word, that it may save souls and them that hear them. O Lord, into Thy hands we commit our souls and bodies, our friends and all that belong unto us. We beseech Thee to watch over us this night, and preserve our bodies with moderate recreation, and deliver us from evil. [All which we beseech in the name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and

*A Family Prayer for Saturday Morning.*

O Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those that ask in Thy Son's name, in mercy incline Thine ears to us, who, in confidence of His merits, prostrate ourselves before Thee, to confess our sins, to implore Thy pardon, and thankfully own Thy goodness towards us, in raising us up this morning in health and strength, and bringing us once more into Thy presence. O Lord, open Thou our lips, that we may show forth Thy praise, that we may thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for all Thy mercies: that Thou hast revealed unto us Thy gospel, that is hid from those that perish; that Thou hast sent forth Thy light and truth to guide our feet, whilst so great a part of the world sits in darkness, and in

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ways. Let all our discourses be such as will administer grace to the hearers, remembering that for idle words we must give an account in the day of judgment. Let all our actions be lawful and right, and then do Thou prosper the work of our hands. O prosper Thou our handiworks, for Jesus Christ His sake. Amen.



### *A Family Prayer for Saturday Evening.*

O most glorious and ever-blessed Lord God, we Thy most unworthy servants with all humility prostrate ourselves before Thee, not trusting in ourselves, but in Thy mercy which will abundantly pardon, and in His merits who has reconciled us by his death, and made our peace by the blood of His cross. He is the strength of our confidence,

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heart, and renewing a right spirit within us, and making us thankful for all Thy blessings. Teach us to deny ungodliness and worldly lust, to live righteously, soberly, and godly in this present evil world; prepare us for whatever troubles Thou wilt lay upon us; fit us for death and judgment, and that great account we are one day to give, that whensoever Thou shalt come, Thou mayst find us so doing, that we may finally be received into the joys of Thy rest. Be merciful to the universal Church, particularly to that Vine which Thy own right hand has planted in these nations. Bless our gracious sovereign, and all that are put in authority under her. Good Lord, with an eye of pity and compassion look down upon us that now humble ourselves before Thee; do Thou spare, though we deserve punishment, and in the midst of wrath think upon mercy; pass by our iniquities and

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### A short Morning Prayer for a Family.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast been our Helper and Protector when we were unable to help ourselves, and hast showed Thy mercy and loving-kindness to us, in preserving us the night past ; we bless and magnify Thy holy name for this and all Thy mercies from day to day vouchsafed unto us. O Lord, in mercy continue Thy favour towards us, enlarge Thy compassion in taking us this day into Thy care. Bring to naught all the devices of the wicked against us, make their counsels of none effect, and let not their imaginations prosper ; defend us from the power and prevalence of tempters, from the snares of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and let not sin get dominion over us ; send forth the light of Thy Spirit,



and Thy grace to guide us, make all our designs harmless and innocent, and bless us in all our undertakings, for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.



### *A short Evening Prayer for a Family.*

Good God, be merciful unto us in the pardon of all our sins, particularly those of this day, whether by thought, word, or deed committed against Thee. Be pleased to accept our thanks and praise for all Thy mercies, whether spiritual or temporal, vouchsafed unto us, particularly those of this day. O gracious Lord, to whom mercy belongs, bless us, we beseech Thee, O our Father. Be merciful unto the whole race of mankind, to all our relations, friends, kindred, and acquaintance, to all who desire our prayers, to all whom Thou

hast put in authority or appointed to serve at Thy altar. Be pleased to continue Thy watchful eye of providence over us, and all that belongs unto us; secure and defend us from all evil accidents, sin, and danger; let no evil come nigh our dwelling, nor the wicked approach to hurt us. Let our lying down be in peace and safety, and let our rest be such, that in health and strength we may rise again to praise Thee, and serve Thee in our several stations in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



O God ! who art rich in mercies  
that call upon Thee ; and hast laboured  
without ceasing, and rejoice ever in  
obedience to that command,  
encouraged by Thy gracious presence,  
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to obey Thee. Quicken my affections,  
Lord, that I may be excited to  
and joyful attendance upon Thy  
holy and religious duties, that  
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my greatest joy and satisfaction. Give me a lively sense of all those great and invaluable blessings, which as a Creator and common Father of mankind Thou hast vouchsafed to the world. And that I may never fail of a public tribute of adoration and praise, let me take pleasure in going to the house of my God ; that by hearing I may know, and by Thy grace be enabled to do Thy will, and not deceive my soul by being a hearer only, that all Thy ordinances may be useful, and every return of this day may make me fitter for the glorious appearance of Thy Son in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.











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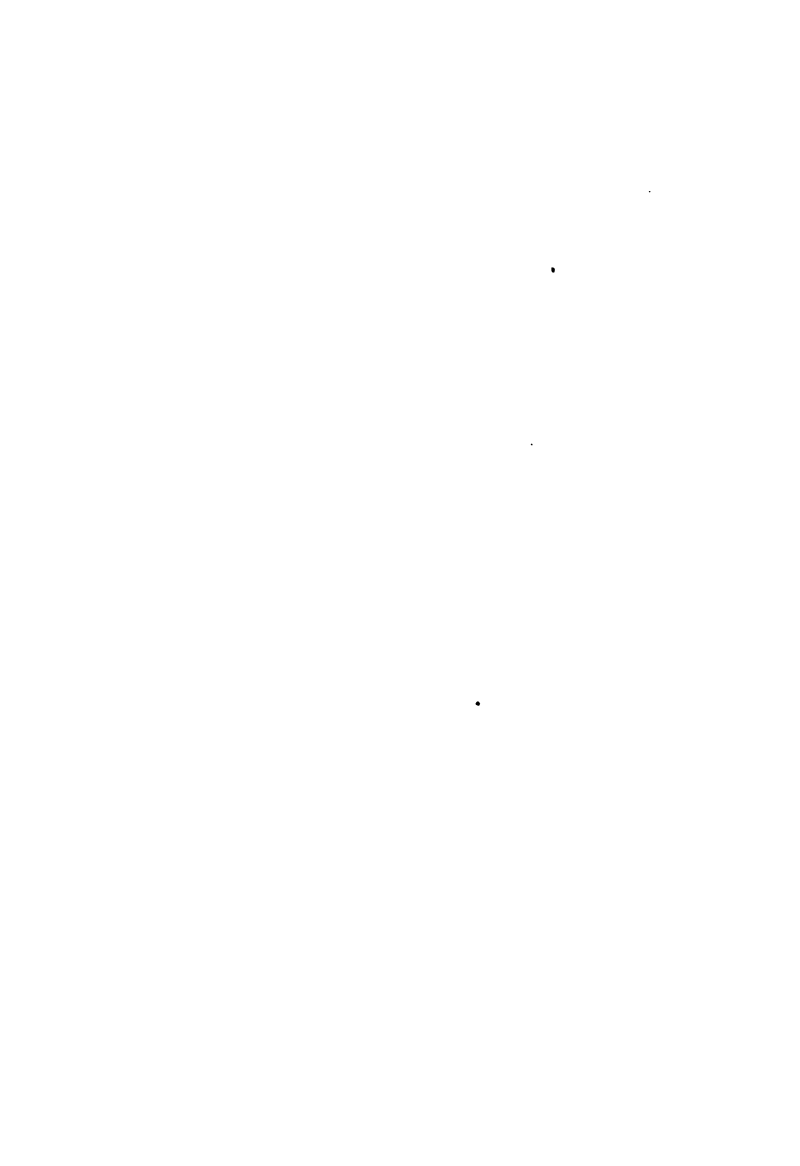
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